IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Customer No. : 23911

Title : Method of Processing Female Spline of Hub Unit for

Supporting Wheel

REPLY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2008. An extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. No additional claims fees are due.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.